

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 are in this application and are presented for consideration. By this amendment, Applicant has revised several claims including claims 1, 6, 7 to 13, 18, 12 and 20, to address formal issues. Claim 1 has been revised to more clearly highlight important aspects of the invention. Claim 15 has been presented in independent form such that it now should be considered allowable.

The receipt of the priority papers has been acknowledged. It is Applicant's understanding that priority has been perfected in this case.

The drawings have been objected to is not showing a feature claimed. Applicant has now amended the claims so as to address this problem. All features (method features) that are claimed are believed to be shown.

Claims one through 20 have been rejected as being indefinite.

By this amendment, Applicant has revised the claims paying close attention to the examiner's comments. Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for the careful reading of the claims and for the helpful comments. It is Applicant's position that all claims as now presented are clear and definite and fully conform with the requirements of the statute.

Claims 1 through 4, 8 through 10, 14 and 16 through 20 have been rejected as being anticipated by Mizusawa et al.. The rejection is based on the position that each feature claimed is taught by the Mizusawa et al. reference. Applicant notes that the 35 USC 102(e) date of Mizusawa et al. is just a few months prior to Applicant's priority filing date. As Mizusawa et al. does not claim the same invention as according to the present application, Applicant

reserves the right to swear behind this date.

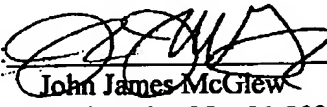
Applicant has now revised claim 1 to highlight features which are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art. In particular, claim 1 highlights of that the display shows a potential parking place in the current image as well as a superimposed a parking place symbol. This symbol has an area having dimensions corresponding to the vehicle displayed true to the scale of the displayed image data. With the parking place symbol having such dimensions and being in a location that can be reached from the present location or current location of the vehicle the further step can be practiced, namely positioning the car in a suitable starting position for approaching the potential parking place whereby the parking place symbol is brought into complete correspondence with the potential parking place providing a visual indication as to whether the potential parking place is of sufficient size for the vehicle. This is neither taught or suggested by Mizusawa et al. Instead, the Mizusawa et al. reference discloses a guide M1 for straight backward parking. As such, Mizusawa et al. does not teach the combination of features including bringing you the parking place symbol into correspondence with the potential parking place with this providing an indication as to whether the space has sufficient size. Further, the straight backward parking guide M1 is fixed at a location directly rearwardly of the vehicle with this not providing the method claimed. Instead, this provides an indication as to a location directly behind the vehicle with this not necessarily linked all to a parking space being viewed.

The other claims depend on claim 1 and therefore patentably define over the prior art for the same reasons as noted above. Further, the claims rejected as being obvious also

patentably define over the prior art, based on the inclusion of features as noted above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner favorably consider the claims as now presented.

Further and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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